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The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions and the statements of its President concerning the situation in Sierra Leone,

Commending the valuable contribution that the United Nations Integrated Office in Sierra Leone (UNIOSIL) has made to the recovery of Sierra Leone from conflict and to the country's peace, security and development,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General dated 29 April 2008 (S/2008/281) and his Recommendations on the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone,

Welcoming the holding of peaceful and democratic local elections in July 2008 as another important milestone in consolidating a sustainable peace in Sierra Leone,

Emphasizing the importance of the continued support of the United Nations system and the international community for the long-term peace, security and development of Sierra Leone, particularly through strengthening the capacity of the Government of Sierra Leone,

Stressing the importance of a smooth transition between UNIOSIL and the new United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office, and of the effective and efficient operation of that Office,

Welcoming the progress in the implementation of the Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework (PBC/2/SLE/1), and *encouraging* the Government of Sierra Leone to continue its close engagement with the Peacebuilding Commission by implementing the recommendations of the first biannual review of the Framework,

Welcoming the progress made in reforming the security sector in Sierra Leone and, in particular, the developing professionalism of the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF) and the Sierra Leone Police (SLP), and *underlining* the importance of the planned further strengthening and rationalizing of the security architecture so that the RSLAF and SLP are sustainable in the long term and able to carry out their tasks effectively,

Reiterating its appreciation for the work of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and its vital contribution to reconciliation, peacebuilding and the rule of law in Sierra Leone, *reiterating* its expectation that the Court will finish its work

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expeditiously, and *recognizing* that further arrangements will be needed to address residual matters after trials and appeals are completed,

Welcoming the role played by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and *encouraging* the Member States of the Mano River Union and other organizations to continue their efforts aimed at building regional and subregional peace and security,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (UNIPSIL), as recommended in his report (S/2008/281) for a period of 12 months beginning on 1 October 2008, with the key tasks as specified in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 8 below;

2. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's recommendation in his report (S/2008/281) that UNIPSIL should be headed by an Executive Representative of the Secretary-General who would also serve as the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Resident Coordinator; and *underlines* the need for appropriate expertise and adequate material resources, in order that the Office can effectively and efficiently implement its mandate;

3. *Requests* that UNIPSIL focus on and support the Government of Sierra Leone in the following areas:

(a) Providing political support to national and local efforts for identifying and resolving tensions and threats of potential conflict, whatever the source;

(b) Monitoring and promoting human rights, democratic institutions and the rule of law, including efforts to counter transnational organized crime and drug trafficking;

(c) Consolidating good governance reforms, with a special focus on anti-corruption instruments such as the Anti-Corruption Commission;

(d) Supporting decentralization, reviewing the 1991 Constitution and the enactment of relevant legislation;

(e) Closely coordinating with and supporting the work of the Peacebuilding Commission, as well as the implementation of the Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework and projects supported through the Peacebuilding Fund;

4. *Underlines* the importance of establishing a fully integrated office with effective coordination of strategy and programmes among the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes in Sierra Leone, and *emphasizes the need for* the United Nations system to support and cooperate fully with UNIPSIL, in accordance with the Executive Representative's function as Resident Representative and Resident Coordinator;

5. *Stresses* the need for close cooperation between UNIPSIL, ECOWAS, the Mano River Union, international partners and other United Nations missions in the region;

6. *Emphasizes* that the Government of Sierra Leone bears the primary responsibility for peacebuilding, security and long-term development in the country, and *encourages* the Government of Sierra Leone to continue its close engagement with the Peacebuilding Commission in this regard, including through the regular monitoring of progress in the implementation of the Sierra Leone Peacebuilding

Cooperation Framework, and *further encourages* international partners to continue to provide support to the Government of Sierra Leone and to cooperate with the Peacebuilding Commission;

7. *Calls upon* the Government of Sierra Leone and all other stakeholders in the country to increase their efforts to promote good governance, including through the effective functioning of local government and continued measures to combat corruption and improve accountability; promote the development of the private sector to generate wealth and employment opportunities, in particular for young people; strengthen the judiciary; and advance human rights, including through implementation of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission;

8. *Emphasizes* the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding, as recognized in resolutions 1325 (2000) and 1820 (2008), *underlines* that a gender perspective should be taken into account in implementing all aspects of the mandate of UNIPSIL, and *encourages* UNIPSIL to work with the Government of Sierra Leone in this regard;

9. *Requests* that the Secretary-General keeps the Council informed every four months on the implementation of the mandate of UNIPSIL and this resolution, with the first report due by 31 January 2009;

10. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.